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SMUGGLING OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Drug Paddlers especially foreign nationals are indulging in smuggling of various kinds of narcotics drugs in the country;

(b) if so, whether such foreigners have established their base in the capital and other big cities;

(c) if so, the number of foreign nationals arrested quantity of various drugs seized alongwith the punishment awarded to them during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(d) the number of Indian nationals having links in this nefarious business;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether smuggling of psychotropic drugs and the generation of illicit money has been found to be the prime motive of all militant and secessionist activities in the North East, Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) : Seizures of various drugs made by the Central and State enforcement agencies and the intelligence inputs received by the Government indicate the involvement of foreign nationals in drug trafficking/peddling activities through various exit and entry points in the country.

(b): No such report has been received by the Government.

(c) to (e): During 2003, 2004 and 2005 (upto October) 152, 179 and 130 foreign nationals and 19127, 11927 and 7668 Indian nationals respectively were arrested. The available details of drugs seized by all the State and Central enforcement agencies in connection with drug trafficking/peddling activities during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 (up to October), are as under:-

(Qty. in Kgs.)

Drugs	2003	2004	2005 (Up to October)
Opium	1720	2237	778
Morphine	109	97	33
Heroin	991	1162	620
Ganja	79653	144055	79258
Hashish	3013	4599	2863
Cocaine	3	6	2
Methaqualone	345	1614	468

Information pertaining to the punishment awarded to the foreign nationals in the cases booked by the Central and State enforcement agencies is not centrally maintained.

(f) : No definite input is available in this regard.

(g) : The Government has taken a number of steps to check such activities. These include:-

1. Strict surveillance and enforcement at import and export points, land borders, airports, foreign post offices etc;

2. Intensive preventive and interdiction efforts along known drug routes.

3. Improved co-ordination between various drug law enforcement agencies in order to impart greater cohesion to interdiction.

4. Strengthening of international liaison to improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of operational intelligence.

5. Increased international co-operation for exchange of information and investigative assistance in administering control over the movement of precursor chemicals.

6. Building of an electronic data base of offenders.

7. Passenger profiling for identification of members of trafficking/ peddling groups.

8. Conducting training programmes for law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills to combat drug trafficking.

9. Implementing a scheme of monetary rewards for information leading to seizures of narcotic drugs to informants and officers.